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BOOK REVIEWS

Haight's Questions and Answers (Second Edition). By Charles S. Haight, M.A., LL.B., of the New York Bar, and Arthur M. Marsh, B.A., LL.B., of the Connecticut Bar. Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York. pp. 637.

This book contains a review by questions and answers of the principal subjects of the law. The questions are clear and simple in statement and cover the important principles of the subjects treated. The answers are comprehensive and explicit and are followed by citations of governing cases and well known authors. In the present edition the subjects of Bankruptcy, Domestic Relations, Suretyship, Perpetuities and Restraints on Alienation have been added. The article on the New York Code has also been revised to conform to the amendments passed since 1899. The work is designed especially for use in preparation for Bar examinations and will be found valuable and useful for that purpose.

G. L. W.

The Law of Trustees in Bankruptcy. By Albert S. Woodman. Boston. Little, Brown & Co. 1909. pp. 1103.

The growth of the law of bankruptcy has created a field that has not been adequately looked after by text-writers, and it is with pleasure, therefor, that we welcome this work. No duty is beset with greater difficulties than that of trustee in bankruptcy, and it is to make this duty clear, to set out the attitudes of the courts towards the different duties arising in the course of the administration of a bankrupt's estate that the author has given us this book. The work is based upon the National Bankruptcy Act of 1898 with its various amendments. The different sections of the act are treated separately, with the decisions of the courts upon them. Excerpts from the leading cases are given so as to bring out clearly the point the author wishes to make. Added value is given to the book on account of the large experience the author has had in bankruptcy courts, which has enabled him to treat of the practice under the act in a very

instructive manner. This book meets a demand which has been long felt and it will be appreciated by those interested in Bankruptcy Law.

Ed.

The Control of Public Utilities, in the Form of an Annotation of the Public Service Commissions Law of the State of New York, etc. By Ivins and Mason. Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1908.

In the profound and learned preface, Mr. Ivins, quoting from the late Mr. Goschen, calls attention to the narrower and narrower limits assigned to the application of the principle of "*Laissez-faire*," while the field of government control and interference is expanding in ever widening circles.

The same thought forms the subject of a recent address before the State Bar Association of West Virginia, by Chief Justice Baldwin, entitled "*The Narrowing Circle of Individual Rights*." This tendency—though we know not what the future may have in store for us—would seem to have reached its climax in the legislation of the State of New York (Chap. 429 of the *Laws of 1907*), which, with annotations, is set forth in this book. The law in question, for the purpose of jurisdiction and control over the public service corporations of the state, divides the state into two districts. The first includes the counties of New York, Kings, Queens and Richmond. The second includes all of the other countries in the state. A public service commission is created for each district, with far-reaching powers over all corporations engaged in the public service.

In addition to this act with its annotations, the book contains also the Federal Interstate Commerce Act and the Rapid Transit Act of New York, formerly in force. This latter Act (Chap. 4 of the *Laws of 1891*), with its amendments, is superseded by the Act of 1907, and all powers conferred by it are now vested in the commission in the first district. Primarily, the work is intended for those whose interests are directly affected by the provisions of this New York legislation, or who may be engaged in practice under the Act. But its usefulness is by no means confined to the limits of New York State. The annotations are not at all confined to direct rulings upon the acts which are set forth in full. In a compact form and generally very well expressed in a single sentence, may be found practically all of the